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Cary Osterhaus
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Roseburg, Oregon 97470

Re: Addendum to July 22, 1997, Biological Opinion on FY 1997 Timber Sales on the
Roseburg BLM District, Umpqua River Basin

Dear Mr. Osterhaus:

This letter responds to a July 30, 1997 e-mail from Don Rivard, Roseburg Bureau of Land Management (BLM) District, which listed some corrections to the proposed actions as described in the National Marine Fisheries Service's (NMFS) July 22, 1997 Biological Opinion (Opinion) on certain FY 1997 timber sales on the Roseburg BLM District. These corrections to the proposed actions are further documented in a July 15, 1997 Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Diamondback Timber Sale, a July 28, 1997 EA for the Red Top Salvage Part II sale, a draft EA for the Sugar Pine Density Management sale, and a July 3, 1996 EA for the Buck Creek Commercial Thinning sale.

The Opinion states that only 100 to 200 feet of temporary road would be constructed in each sale area other than the Myrtle Creek sales (Dream Weaver, Sweet Pea, Buck Fever, and Final Curtain). However, the July 30, 1997 e-mail points out that a total of approximately 0.25 mile of temporary road would be constructed for the Diamondback Timber Sale. The Opinion also states that 100-foot "non-touch" buffers would be maintained on all streams in the Red Top Salvage Part II sale and the Sugar Pine Density Management sale. In fact, according to the July 30, 1997 e-mail, riparian buffers would be 50 feet in young timber stands (40-60 years old) and 90 feet in old-growth, with no green trees harvested in old-growth areas for the Red Top Salvage Part II sale. For the Sugar Pine Density Management sale, non-touch buffers would be 180 feet for fish-bearing and 90 feet for non-fish bearing streams. In addition, some thinning would occur in riparian reserves in the Buck Creek sale. As stated in the Opinion, the appropriate reviews and

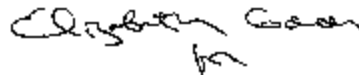


assessments, including watershed analyses, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analyses and research reviews have occurred in watersheds where timber harvest is proposed in riparian reserves.

These corrections to proposed FY 1997 timber sale actions would not result in any significant changes in potential effects of the timber sales on listed salmonids or their habitat. Therefore, the NMFS conclusion that the subject actions are not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of Umpqua River cutthroat trout or Oregon Coast steelhead trout would not change.

If you have any additional corrections or questions regarding consultation and conferencing on these actions, please contact Ron Lindland at 503-231-2315 or Lance Smith at 503-231-2307.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "William Stelle, Jr.", with a stylized flourish underneath.

William Stelle, Jr.
Regional Administrator

cc: D. Rivard - Roseburg BLM